

REMARKS

The Examiner has required Applicant to elect one of the following species:

Group I. Claims 17-18 (including species claims 1-16), drawn to a micro-optical device that can maintain its status to clamp said shuttle beam via friction force forming at the contact interface of the clamped location between grip structure and shuttle beam; or,

Group II. Claims 19-20 (including species claims 1-16), drawn to a micro-optical device that can maintain its status to clamp said shuttle beam via the electrostatic force forming between the gap between two side electrodes of grip structure when the two electrodes attract to each other, and come to contact with shuttle beam.

Applicant hereby elects Group I, drawn to a micro-optical device that can maintain its status to clamp said shuttle beam via friction force forming at the contact interface of the clamped location between grip structure and shuttle beam, and believes that claims 1-18 are readable thereon. As noted on page 2 of the outstanding Office Action, claim 1 is generic to all of the claims. Applicant reserves the right to submit any Divisional patent applications directed toward the non-elected species.

Applicant also has canceled claims 18-20 and has added new claims 21-23 to this application. Claims 18-20 have been rewritten as new claims 21-23 and amended to be dependent from amended claim 17.

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An early action on the merits of this application is respectfully requested. Should any points remain in issue, which the Examiner feels could best be resolved by either a personal or a telephone interview, it is urged that Applicant's local attorney be contacted at the exchange listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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